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Time-share Workgroup Develops Use Configuration On 9 Trails Close To Bozeman

Representatives of five trail user groups and the Gallatin National Forest have developed a use configuration for nine trails close to Bozeman that the Gallatin National Forest Travel Plan Decision designated for time-shared use. The timeshare trails are the Bridger Foothills Trail #534; Ross Pass Connector #551; Sypes Canyon Trail #531; Truman Gulch Trail #535; Middle Cottonwood Trail #586; Corbly Gulch Trail #544; Hyalite Trail #427; East Fork Hyalite Trail #434; and Storm Castle Creek Trail #185.

Hikers, stock users, mountain bikers, motorcyclists, and landowner representatives came together in July 2007 to develop a strategy intended to be easy to understand, implementable and enforceable. This workgroup met over the last five months to discuss and develop this use configuration. The timeshare configuration establishes the when, where, and how these trails will be shared between users in space and time and responds to the public asking for more non-motorized trail opportunities on heavily used trails near Bozeman.

"We are very grateful for the work this task force accomplished," said Mary Erickson, Gallatin National Forest Supervisor. "Their dedication and commitment to this process and to working with one another has resulted in a plan for sharing these high use trails."

The timeshare configuration will go into effect spring of 2008 when the Motor Vehicle Use Map is re-published. For additional information please contact the Bozeman Ranger District at (406) 522-2520 or visit the Forest's website at www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin.

